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PASS WHITE HOUSE

FOR HABIB AND ATHERTON FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, IS, LE
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. EVRON TOLD ME TODAY THAT ROLLIE EVANS HAS CALLED THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ASK FOR COMMENT ABOUT A STORY HE HAD BEEN GIVEN IN SOME BACKGROUND BRIEFING BY A "HIGH ADMINISTRATION SOURCE." THE STORY RELATED TO AN IMPENDING ISRAELI MILITARY OPERATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND ADMINISTRATION CONCERNS ABOUT THAT PROSPECT.

2. EVRON STRESSED THAT THIS INQUIRY SEEMED TO CONFIRM THEIR FEARS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED DIRECTLY TO ME ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF TELEGRAMS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON. EVRON POINTED OUT THAT ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION WAS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE HERE, AND THAT THIS KIND OF BACKGROUNDING COULD WELL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOI TO BE AS OPEN WITH ME AS IT WOULD OTHERWISE WISH TO BE.

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3. I TOLD EVRON THAT I TOOK HIS POINT THOROUGHLY, BUT THAT FROM THE WAY HE DESCRIBED THE STORY I WAS NOT COMPLETELY CONVINCED THAT IT WAS BASED ON ANY OFFICIAL LEAK. (I USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAX HIM EQUALLY ABOUT SOME EGREGIOUS LEAKS IN THE ISRAELI PRESS HERE CONCERNING MY LAST CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, ALTHOUGH THESE DEALT WITH SETTLEMENTS

POLICY RATHER THAN LEBANON.)

4. CAN YOU GIVE ME ANY AMMUNITION ON THIS ONE?
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